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SIR,

IT appearing, upon Mr. Crowther's Reſignation of his Office as City Solicitor this Day, that the Wiſhes of the Majority of the Corporation were in Favor of the Son of your late worthy Comptroller, I ſhould conſider myſelf not only acting diſreſpectfully towards you, but unfriendly towards Mr. Buſhnan, were I to perſiſt any longer in oppoſing him; I therefore beg Leave to withdraw my Application to you for the Office, flattering myſelf that my Conduct upon the preſent, and all future Occaſions, will meet your Approbation, and that whenever a proper Opportunity offers, I ſhall have the Honor of your Vote and Intereſt.

To thoſe Gentlemen whom I have had the Pleaſure of ſeeing upon my Canvaſs, I return my moſt grateful Acknowledgements for their polite Reception of me, and am ſorry that I have not had it in my Power of paying my perſonal Reſpects to every Member of the Corporation.

I am, SIR,

With great Reſpect,

Your moſt obedient

And faithful humble Servant,

Ed. Compſton.

LORD MAYOR'S COURT OFFICE,
Royal-Exchange,
26th January, 1797.